

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A sleeved article for obtaining an aerodynamic position when cycling, comprising:

a sleeve portion extending from a wrist area at least partly up a wearer's forearm;

a mounting element coupled to said sleeve portion; and

a connecting mechanism mounted to said mounting element for engaging a bicycle handlebar.

2. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 1, wherein the sleeved article includes a fabric glove integrally formed with said sleeve portion.

3. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 1, wherein said mounting element is a housing having a projecting portion, and said connecting mechanism is pivotally mounted to said housing and includes a clamping element for positively engaging a bicycle handlebar when rotated toward said projecting portion in response to downwardly-directed pressure and for returning to a rest position and releasing said handlebar when said pressure is removed.

4. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 3, wherein said housing includes a recessed area, said connecting mechanism pivotally mounted within said recessed area.

5. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 4, wherein said clamping element includes a generally semicylindrical C-clamp portion having an axially extending rib with a through-passing aperture therein, a pivot pin extending through said aperture into said recessed area to provide a pivot axis for said clamping element.

6. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 5, wherein said clamping element further comprises a curved arm having an abutment portion contacting an upper surface of said recessed area to spring load the clamping element upon rotation thereof toward said projecting portion.

7. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 3, wherein said sleeve portion is made of fabric and said housing includes a platform sewn to the fabric sleeve portion and having a curvature for fitting the wearer's forearm.

8. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 1, wherein said connecting mechanism includes a clamping element having an at-rest

position and an engaged position, rotation of said clamping element to said engaged position preloading the connecting mechanism to return to said at-rest position.

9. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 4, wherein said recessed area is a cavity having a generally rectangular upper surface and side surfaces that are generally perpendicular to said upper surface, ends of said pivot pin being secured within generally cylindrical apertures in said side surfaces.

10. A sleeved article for obtaining an aerodynamic position when cycling, comprising:

a fabric sleeve portion extending from a wrist area at least partly up a wearer's forearm;

a housing coupled to said sleeve portion, said housing having an open cavity on an underside thereof and a generally semi-cylindrical channel open on a side facing the wrist area; and

a latching mechanism pivotally mounted in said cavity and having a clamping element for engaging a bicycle handlebar in conjunction with said channel.

11. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 10, wherein said clamping element includes a generally semicylindrical C-clamp portion having an axially extending rib with a through-passing

aperture therein, a pivot pin extending through said aperture into inner walls of said cavity to provide a pivot axis for said clamping element.

12. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 11, wherein said clamping element further comprises a curved arm having an abutment portion contacting an upper surface of said cavity to spring load the latching mechanism upon rotation of the clamping element toward said channel.

13. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 10, wherein the sleeved article includes a glove integrally formed with said sleeve portion.

14. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 10, wherein said housing includes a platform sewn to the fabric sleeve portion and having a curvature for fitting the wearer's forearm.

15. A sleeved article for obtaining an aerodynamic position when cycling, comprising:

a fabric sleeve portion extending from a wrist area at least partly up a wearer's forearm;

a housing coupled to an underside of said sleeve portion, said housing having a hook portion extending toward said wrist

area; and

a latching mechanism pivotally mounted to said housing and having a clamping element for engaging a bicycle handlebar when rotated toward said hook portion.

16. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 15, wherein said clamping element includes a generally semicylindrical C-clamp portion having a through-passing aperture therein, a pivot pin extending through said aperture into said housing to provide a pivot axis for said clamping element.

17. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 16, wherein said clamping element further comprises a curved arm having an abutment portion to spring load the latching mechanism upon rotation of said clamping element upon rotation toward said hook portion.

18. The sleeved glove as set forth in claim 15, wherein said housing includes a cavity with said latching mechanism pivotally mounted therein.

19. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 16, wherein said housing includes a cavity having a generally rectangular upper surface and side surfaces that are generally perpendicular to said upper surface, ends of said pivot pin being secured within generally cylindrical apertures in said side surfaces.

20. The sleeved article as set forth in claim 15, wherein the sleeved article includes a glove integrally formed with said sleeve portion.